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NAVY INTERCEPTS THEATER BALLISTIC MISSILE

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The Navy successfully demonstrated a Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) capability recently when a ballistic missile target was shot out of the sky for the first time using a new version of the proven *Standard* missile family.

With this intercept the Navy moved into a new era where the Navy will play an increasingly vital role in the defense of forces ashore. This joint development effort is conducted by the Navy under the direction of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. This new mission for the Navy is to defeat the growing Theater *Spruance* Class *Aegis* Cruiser USS *Shiloh* (CG 67) launches a SM2 Blk IV-A in TBMD test.

Ballistic Missile (TBM) threat.

By capitalizing on the nation's long term investment in the *Aegis* fleet of cruisers and destroyers, and taking advantage of rapid advancements in missile technology, the Navy will provide protection from TBMs for debarkation ports and coastal airfields as well as U.S. and allied expeditionary troops overseas. The SM2 Block IV-A, the next generation of the *Standard* Missile, will enable the Fleet to project a Theater Ballistic Missile Defense capability ashore in support of joint forces.

The modified *Standard* Missile 2 Block IV (SM2 Blk IV) which destroyed the *Lance* TBM target Jan. 24 adds a state-of-the-art infrared seeker

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William S. Cohen seizes DOD challenge

by Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — William S. Cohen, who became Secretary of Defense Jan. 24, has pledged to visit the troops in the field as often as he can.

In an interview after his confirmation the Secretary said, "This is my first opportunity to send a message to the troops in the field, and I wanted to let them know how pleased I am that the President has put his faith and trust in nominating me to be Secretary of Defense."

After spending his time learning the ropes at the Pentagon, Cohen said, he wants "to listen to those men and women who are on those front lines out in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean — wherever they



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CNO says readiness, force structure in balance

WASHINGTON (NWSA) Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jay Johnson says the Navy currently has the right balance between warfighting readiness and force structure to do the job, but cautioned against proposals to reduce readiness to pay for new ships, aircraft and other weapons.

"I'm not going to compromise the readiness of the force," he told Associated Press during an interview at the Pentagon. "I don't think we can do that. It's dangerous."

"Right now, we are in balance," he continued, "But if the Navy is called upon to do more, or cut the force, I'm off balance and the alarms will go off."

CNO also said he was very committed to the new F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. He called the airplane's all weather capabilities and precision guided weapons

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Strong leadership is cornerstone of Navy

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — "Strong leadership is the cornerstone of our Navy," said Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jay Johnson. "With it, we will remain the world's best."

Johnson made the statement in NAVOP 001/97, released Jan. 23, to direct fleet attention to the Leadership Continuum.

"Development of exceptional leaders requires many things — role models, experience and commitment to excellence, to name a few," Johnson said,

"We have established the Leadership Training Con-

tinuum as our vehicle for imparting these and many other qualities into a program of recurring training."

"It is important that all hands take [the Leadership Continuum] onboard and understand it."

— ADM Jay Johnson
Chief of Naval Operations

The Leadership Continuum is a series of courses, developed by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), to train Navy leaders at all levels of the chain of command. "It is important that all hands take this onboard and understand it," said Johnson.

CNET will release details and mechanics of the continuum program via a NAVADMIN message in the coming weeks.

William S. Cohen becomes 20th Secretary of Defense

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might be." Cohen said he will try to schedule frequent visits to field sites.

Cohen also said he plans to continue the quarterly senior enlisted visits started by his predecessor. "Secretary [William] Perry believes in the maxim, 'If you take care of the troops, they will take care of you,' and I believe that's a wise maxim that should be followed," Cohen said.

Maintaining quality people and high readiness, as well as modernizing the force, top Cohen's agenda as the 56-year-old from Bangor, Maine, takes the reins as the nation's 20th

defense secretary. Cohen said his greatest challenge as secretary will be to take advantage of the immense talent in the military.

Cohen said his job is to shape the military's enormous capability and maintain the high level of readiness and morale in the face of budget cuts. It's a matter of matching resources and mission at a time when there is no identifiable menacing threat to the United States, he said.

The job calls for persuading the American people "Just because we're not in combat doesn't mean we don't have to maintain a combat capability that exceeds all that we're likely to

confront," Cohen said.

Cohen worked with six defense secretaries while serving on the House and Senate Armed Services committees during his 18 years in Congress. He said he often visited troops in the field and equates those with visits with his home state constituents.

Keeping high-quality people in the military, Cohen said, is his first priority. "I believe the personnel we have in the military today are the best educated, best trained and best equipped we've ever had in the history of this country. I want to retain the good people we have."

Notable Quotable

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— William S. Cohen, Jan. 24 in his first interview after being sworn in as Secretary of Defense.

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necessary to keep operational superiority into the next century.

Johnson said that while more base closures may be looked at in the future, he wants to look for savings first. He is will try to wring some \$1.3 billion a year in infrastructure cuts from the Navy Department's \$75 billion budget.

"We are putting all our cards on the table to see what makes sense," he said.



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Tuition Assistance available for spouses overseas

WASHINGTON (NWSA) The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has announced the Spouse Tuition Aid Program (STAP) is now available to spouses of active duty Sailors and Marines stationed overseas.

STAP offers tuition assistance to full-time and part-time students in on-base education programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The program is available only to spouses residing with their service members and is not offered in Alaska and Hawaii.

STAP grants cover up to 50 percent of tuition costs (up to \$300 per term for undergraduates and \$350 per term for graduate students) to a maximum of \$1,500 per year for undergraduates and \$1,600 for graduate students. Because STAP is a need-based program, appli-

cants will be asked to submit a budget for review by a trained NMCRS interviewer.



Dependent children of active duty and retired service members and spouses of active duty Sailors and Marines, both overseas and in the United States, can apply for another NMCRS

program to help finance their education. Beginning with the 1997/1998 academic year, eligibility for the VADM E.P. Travers Scholarship Loan Program has been expanded to include spouses of active duty Sailors and Marines.

The Society is limited to 1000 scholarships and applicants for the program will be ranked according to financial need.

Applications for the Travers' Scholarships must be received by March 1 (Oct. 15 for the loan program) each year.

Information about the programs was contained in NAVADMIN 021/97, released Jan. 27. Sailors and Marines can find more information about these, and other worthwhile NMCRS programs, at their local NMCRS office or by calling (703) 696-4960.

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to the Navy's existing SM2 Blk IV, with reduced developmental risk. The result is superb downrange and cross range performance at extremely high altitudes against TBMs while maintaining an area defense capability against enemy aircraft and cruise missiles.

USS *Lake Erie* (CG 70) and USS *Port Royal* (CG 73), home ported in Pearl Harbor, will be the first ships to receive TBMD system modifications and SM2 Block IV-A missiles. They will conduct at-sea testing, develop core doctrine and tactics, and serve as focal points for putting the latest theater ballistic defense technology in the hands of our sailors.

Last March, China fired a series of TBMs into the ocean near

Taiwan. USS *Bunker Hill* (CG 52), was called on short notice to reposition and track the TBMs using its SPY-1A radar. While *Bunker Hill's* *Aegis* Combat System recorded each missile flight in detail, it did not have a missile onboard capable of intercepting the threat. The successful TBM intercept puts in place the final building block that will complete the Navy's Area Theater Ballistic Missiles Defense System.

The Navy's first, and still primary overland mission capability rests in the versatility and strength of carrier based strike aircraft. The Navy's capacity to hit targets repeatedly and accurately is built on this foundation. Enhancing this capability is the formidable punch

resident in the Navy's surface and subsurface *Tomahawk* cruise missile forces, which have achieved an outstanding operational record since their first use in *Desert Storm*.

This artist's conception depicts two *Aegis* cruisers using SM2 Blk IV-A missiles to defend against an incoming ballistic missile and enemy aircraft in a littoral warfare scenario.



BUPERS reviews CPOs manning at sea

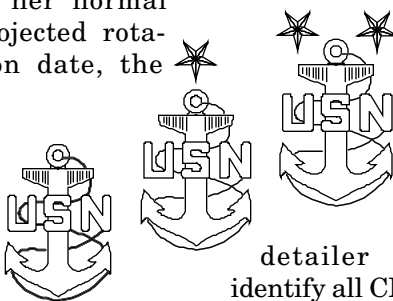
by LT Lydia Robertson
BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — In an effort to increase at-sea manning readiness, the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) has established distribution criteria to transfer eligible chief petty officers (CPOs) on shore duty to vacant at-sea billets. This policy is intended as an additional tool to fill critical, gapped, at-sea billets. Based on a recent data run, E8/9 billets are 191 undermanned at sea and approximately 1,000 overmanned ashore, for example.

Before using this option, detailers will have exhausted other alternatives such as cross decks and diverts. If the billet is still gapped, the detailer will be

forced to seek qualified CPOs in shore duty billets.

If a detailer is unable to fill a vacant sea duty billet with a CPO reaching his or her normal projected rotation date, the



detailer can identify all CPOs, E-7 through E-9,

in the applicable ratings, who are serving on shore duty, have completed a minimum activity tour of 24 months or

are currently at or past their projected rotation dates (PRD) on their shore tours. The detailer will then issue sea duty assignment orders to the CPO who meets these requirements and has been on shore duty the longest.

CPOs who do not wish to accept the orders and are fleet reserve or retirement eligible may of course submit their fleet reserve or retirement requests. To date, only about seven percent of those contacted have chosen this option.

BUPERS will make every effort to keep members in their present fleet concentration area.

THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

Jan. 30, 1862 — The Navy's first ironclad turreted vessel, *Monitor*, launched in Greenpoint, N.Y.

Status of the Navy



Personnel: 406,827 active duty; 238,088 ready reserves; 217,824 civilians

Aircraft: 4,817

Ships: 352

At Sea: 175 ships (50%)

Deployed: 100 ships (28%)

Personnel Deployed: 47,549

Exercises: 3

Port Visits: 11

SSNs at Sea: 38 (51%)

Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:

USS *Kitty Hawk*/CVW-11: *Southern Watch*, Arabian Gulf

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3: *Transit*, Mediterranean Sea

USS *John C. Stennis*: Carrier quals, western Atlantic

USS *Constellation*: FLEETEX 97-1, eastern Pacific

USS *Abraham Lincoln*: local ops, eastern Pacific

USS *Independence*: sea trials, western Pacific

LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:

USS *Essex*/11th MEU: *port visit*, Bahrain

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: *port visit*, Barcelona, Spain

USS *Boxer*: FLEETEX 97-1, eastern Pacific

USS *New Orleans*: local ops, eastern Pacific

Ships Assigned to Middle

East Force: USS *Paul*

Hamilton, USS *Leftwich*,

USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ardent*,

USS *Dextrous*, USS *Halyburton*

Other Exercises/Operations:

Counter-Drug Operations,

Caribbean/East Pacific

Maritime Interception

Operations, Arabian Gulf

Operation *Southern Watch*,

Arabian Gulf

Eager Mace, Arabian Gulf

Spanish PHIBLEX,

Mediterranean Sea

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Revision to the selected reenlistment bonus precertification submissions

NAVADMIN 016/97

(DTG 231846Z JAN 97)

FY 97 Enlisted Commissioning Program nuclear option selections

NAVADMIN 017/97

(DTG 231925Z JAN 97)

Naval Reserve promotions to grades of CAPT, CDR, LCDR, LT, CWO, line and staff corps

NAVADMIN 019/97

(DTG 27134Z JAN 97)

FY 98 Enlisted Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR) Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA)

NAVADMIN 020/97

(DTG 272339Z JAN 97)

Remaining FY97 and tentative FY98 ships and aircraft squadron decommissionings

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NAVADMIN 022/97

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Navy attendance at 1997 Association of Naval Service Officers

NAVADMIN 023/97

(DTG 272341Z JAN 97)

Advancement requirement for ratings undergoing mergers and or expansions

Selective Reenlistment Bonus**New process helps Sailors make career decisions**

by LT Lydia Robertson
BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) has upgraded the database and input processes for the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB). Commands now should submit SRB requests via the interactive method or diary message reporting system (DMRS).

SRB reenlistment requests submitted in the format outlined in NAVADMIN 66/91 will not be processed after Jan. 31.

The upgrades enhance a Sailor's ability to make critical career decisions based on sound understanding of options available to them, as well as streamline SRB processing. The new process also improves accuracy of SRB payments, incorporates SRB processing into a more reliable force manage-

ment (FORMAN) system and reduces errors in fleet inputs. Career Counselors who have modem access to the Customer Information Control System (CICS) will have access to an on-line interactive tool, Workbench, to determine SRB entitlement.

NAVADMIN 15/97 outlines procedures for submitting the SRB requests and includes detailed information on Workbench, a retention tool to assist career counselors in providing different scenarios to Sailors during the decision process.

SRB reenlistment requests must be submitted to BUPERS 30 to 90 days prior to reenlistment/extension execution dates to ensure time for reenlistment processing.

Questions on SRB submission procedures should be referred to Pers-255, (703) 695-0654 (DSN 225).

1997 All-Navy sports schedule

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Navy sports programs provide an opportunity for service members of all ages and pay grades to participate in higher level sports competition.

Selected athletes will be invited to attend training camps and compete for slots on teams to represent the Navy in inter-service contests.

The best athletes can progress to national and interna-

tional competition with the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) paying all travel and per diem expenses.

Local moral, welfare and recreation athletic directors can assist with applications for the program. Completed applications can be sent via fax or mail to: BUPERS Det Memphis (PERS 651e) 7800 Third Ave., Bldg. 457, NSA Memphis, Millington, TN 38054-5045, fax (901)874-6839 (DSN 882).

Sport	Apply By	Camp Dates	Game Dates
Basketball(m)	Feb. 1	March 16 - April 5	April 6-12
Basketball (w)	Feb. 1	March 16 - April 5	April 6-12
Bowling (m)	March 1	(no camp)	April 6-12
Bowling (w)	March 1	(no camp)	April 6-12
Volleyball (m)	March 1	April 12 - May 4	May 5-10
Volleyball (w)	March 1	April 12 - May 4	May 5-10
Track-Field (m)	April 1	(no camp)	May 19-23
Track-Field (w)	April 1	(no camp)	May 19-23
Softball (m)	June 1	July 19 - Aug. 9	Aug. 10-16
Softball (w)	June 1	July 5-27	July 27 - Aug. 2
Triathlon (m)	June 1	(no camp)	July 28 - Aug. 2
Triathlon (w)	June 1	(no camp)	July 28 - Aug. 2
Golf (m)	July 1	(no camp)	Aug. 17-22
Golf (w)	July 1	(no camp)	Aug. 17-22
Tennis (m)	Aug. 1	(no camp)	Sept. 16-20
Tennis (w)	Aug. 1	(no camp)	Sept. 16-20
Soccer (m)	Oct. 1	Oct. 12 - Nov. 1	Nov. 2-8

USS *Lewis B. Puller* Sailor rescues man

by LT Pauline Storum
PACEN San Diego

SAN DIEGO (NWSB) — Navy boot camp teaches Sailors basic first aid and fire fighting skills. Luckily for one San Diego man, Mess Management Specialist 2nd Class Gary W. Lumpkins Jr. stationed aboard USS *Lewis B. Puller* (FFG 23) learned those skills well.

Lumpkins was driving to work on Interstate 8 a few miles west of San Diego Dec. 31 when he saw a burning truck on the side of the road.

After stopping to investigate, he found Billy Shepherd of San Diego

trapped in the cab as flames were engulfing the truck.

Ignoring the fire and the risk of explosion, Lumpkins reached into the burning truck and pulled Shepherd out of the cab, carried him a safe distance from the vehicle, and began to treat his injuries.

"I pulled over to help extinguish the fire when I realized someone was still inside," said Lumpkins. "I immediately pulled him from the flaming truck."

Lumpkins continued to care for Shepherd until the San Diego Police Department arrived on the scene.

When police officer Patrick Cooley arrived, Lumpkins explained that Shepherd had been the only occupant in the vehicle and that he needed a paramedic and oxygen.

"The medical training I've received in the Navy was embedded in my head. I didn't have to pause to think in giving first aid," Lumpkins said.

Lumpkins' actions made the difference for Shepherd. If he had not stopped and pulled Shepherd from the burning vehicle, no one else would have known the truck was occupied, and Shepherd would likely have been overcome by smoke and perished in the fire.

"I'm glad he was saved," said Lumpkins, an eight-year Navy veteran. "Someone needed help and I was there. I'm glad he's alive."

USS *Nassau* Sailors enjoy Superbowl in Barcelona Spain

BARCELONA, Spain (NWSA) — Crew members aboard USS *Nassau* (LHA 4) recently enjoyed the NFL Superbowl while in Barcelona, Spain.

More than 500 Sailors and Marines took advantage of a four by three-meter projection television to watch the time-delayed game in the Norfolk-based ship's hangar bay.

In order to view the game, the amphibious assault ship's Morale Welfare and Recreation Fund leased a satellite receiver and a projection television. "Because Spain uses the PAL System, which is incompatible with American televisions, we were unable to view the game on ship's television," said Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Michael Semrau, who helped set up the system. "According to the contractors, we leased one of the largest projection televisions available in Spain."

Because of the time difference with the United States, the Superbowl was actually watched

in the early hours of Monday morning, but the late hour didn't dampen the spirits of true football fans aboard *Nassau*. "The game was good and the first half was especially exciting," said Semrau.

"I got there just in time to see the second half," said Air Traffic Controller 1st Class (AW) Chris Palmatier. "I enjoyed the game. The screen was very clear. The only disappointment was that we didn't get to see the commercials."

According to Photographer's Mate Airman Al Gutierrez, watching the game on the big screen was almost as exciting as being there. "There were a lot of people there, and there was a lot of yelling and cheering."

The projection television in the hangar bay offered a safe environment for Sailors and Marines to enjoy the Superbowl. "It was especially good for those of us who were on duty, because otherwise we wouldn't have been able to see it," said Semrau.

Navy doctor orbits earth on Russian space station

EARTH ORBIT (NWSA) — CAPT Jerry Linenger joined two Russian cosmonauts Jan. 19 for a scheduled 132 day stay aboard the Russian space station Mir. He will return to Earth aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis in May.

The Navy doctor is conducting experiments on the effects of prolonged space travel on the human immune and cardiovascular systems, sensory perception, sleep and interpersonal interactions. His own body will be his laboratory.

"You can basically consider me the payload for the shuttle," said Linenger, referring to the research equipment, supplies and other materials Atlantis carried to Mir.

Linenger's expedition aboard Mir is part of a four-year, 11-flight program between the United States and Russia to build joint space experience and conduct joint research.

A veteran of the space program, Linenger flew aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1994.

Navy's first Muslim chaplain celebrates Ramadan

by JO2 Mark Kane

Joint Information Bureau staff

GUAM (NWSA) — LTJG Chaplain Malak Abd Al Muta-Ali Noel is observing the Muslim holiday Ramadan this month with the evacuees of Operation Pacific Haven in Guam.

Joining the Joint Task Force (JTF) in September 1996, Noel is in Guam to aid the evacuees while they wait for asylum at former military housing in Guam's Tiyan and Andersen South areas. Noel is the first Muslim chaplain in the Navy and one of only two within DOD.

"Even if the Navy had 1,000 Muslim chaplains serving, they couldn't have sent a better choice than LTJG Noel for *Pacific Haven*," said Maj. Gen. John

Dallager, the commander of the JTF.

Having a Muslim chaplain with the JTF was important in allaying the reservations some evacuees may have had prior to their departure from Northern Iraq. According to Noel, Iraqi propaganda continually and falsely reports that Islam is forbidden in America.

Ramadan is a special time for more than 1 billion Muslims around the world. From dawn to dusk, they abstain from eating, drinking and socializing.

Muslims believe the Muslim holy book, the Qur'an, was first disclosed to the Prophet Mohammed during Ramadan, and that the holy book was passed from the highest to the lowest level of heaven (Al-Jannah), from where the Angel Gabriel (Jabril) carried away

the first five verses and revealed them to Mohammed.

The Islamic months are based on a lunar calendar, and Muslims begin each month, including Ramadan, with the sighting of the moon. This year, the observance began Friday, Jan. 8.

Noel said that the evacuees are commemorating Ramadan in the same way as other Muslims worldwide. He is more than happy that he is a part of their lives.

"I thank God that the military has let me do this," Noel said.

Noel said the evacuees have accepted him with open arms and praised him for his services. "They welcomed me, and to know that is very rewarding," said Noel.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS NEWS

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- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society offers tuition aid to active duty spouses overseas
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